

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KENICHI MANABE, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Brendan N. McCommas  
Application No.: 10/663,833 ) : Art Unit: 2609  
Filed: September 17, 2003 ) : Confirmation No. 2698  
For: IMAGE READING )  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE )  
FORMING APPARATUS )  
PROVIDED WITH THE )  
SAME ) : February 4, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Also, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The requisite fee is being paid electronically.